



CONSTITUTION, BY-LAWS,

AND

**ORDER OF BUSINESS**

OF THE

Women's Christian Temperance Union,

1876.

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**THIS CERTIFIES** that .....

..... was admitted a Member of the

**WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN TEMPERANCE UNION,**

on .....

PRESIDENT,

SECRETARY.

# Women's Christian Temperance Union.

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## CONSTITUTION,

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### I.

THIS Association shall be called the "Women's Christian Temperance Union."

### II.

The objects of the Union shall be, to meet together for prayer and conference, to devise means to relieve the necessities of the suffering, especially the victims of intemperance.

### III.

To devise and use all legitimate means to diminish the number of liquor traders immediately, but ultimately the entire prohibition of the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors as a beverage.

IV.

The membership of the Union shall consist of women who shall sign the pledge, and pay per annum the sum of fifty cents or upwards (in any way to suit the subscriber) to the funds of the Union.

V.

The Officers shall consist of a President, two Vice-Presidents, one Recording, and two Corresponding Secretaries, a Treasurer, and a Committee of Management representing each Church.

VI.

An Executive Committee, consisting of seven, to transact any business that might require immediate attention, five of whom shall form a quorum.

VII.

An Annual Meeting shall be held on the  
in each year,  
at which time the Officers shall be elected. A  
Special Meeting shall be held at any time, on

the call of the President at the request of the Committee.

### VIII.

This Constitution may be amended at any Meeting by a two-third vote of the members present. Notice of the proposed amendment to be given two weeks previously.

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## PLEDGE.

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*We, the undersigned Women, hereby severally PLEDGE ourselves in integrity and honor before God, to abstain from the use of, and from traffic in, all Intoxicating Liquors as a beverage, and that we will not offer the same to others to be so used; and we further solemnly covenant before God, henceforth to work and pray for the suppression of Intemperance as a sin against God and man, and that in our work we will use such means, and forward such measures, as God shall direct through the Holy Spirit in answer to prayer.*

## Women's Christian Temperance Union.



### BY-LAWS.



1. The Regular Meetings of the Union shall be held on Monday of every week, commencing at 3 p.m. Each meeting shall be opened and closed with prayer. Seven members shall form a quorum.

2. In the absence of the President and Vice-President, the members may choose one of their own number to conduct the business of the meeting.

3. The first Meeting in each month shall be more especially a Devotional Meeting, but not necessarily to the exclusion of *all* business.

4. A Finance Committee of three members shall be appointed, to whom all accounts shall be referred for examination before payment.

5. The President and other Officers shall perform the several duties indicated by their respective offices, and report briefly once in each quarter, or oftener if desired, as to the progress and work of the Union.

6. The Treasurer shall pay all orders drawn by the Recording Secretary, signed by the President, and countersigned by one of the Finance Committee, and none other ; keep a correct record of all monies received and expended, with vouchers for the same.

7. These By-Laws may be changed, altered, or amended at any Regular Meeting, provided that two weeks' notice of such proposed change shall have been given in writing, signed by at least five members.

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## ORDER OF BUSINESS.



- 1st. OPENING.
- 2nd. Reading of Minutes.
- 3rd. Reception of Communications.
- 4th. Reports of Committees.
- 5th. Election of Officers.
- 6th. Unfinished Business.
- 7th. New Business.
- 8th. Closing.



L E T T E R

TO THE DIRECTORS OF THE "TORONTO WITNESS."



"TORONTO, *February 6th, 1876.*

"*Mr. James Thomson :*

"SIR,—I am happy, in the name of the Ladies of the 'Toronto Women's Christian Temperance Union,' to present through you to the Directors of the *Toronto Witness*, their thanks for the kind notices given of our meetings, and also for distributing in the House of Assembly copies of the *Witness* containing the resolutions passed at the Mass Meeting, held in the Temperance Hall, on January 29th.

"Wishing your paper the success it merits,

"I am, on behalf of the Ladies,

"Respectfully yours,

"MRS. G. FORSTER.

"Cor. Sec., W.C.T.U."

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